

Wednesday, February 25 2015 – 7pm Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center (3500 Marais)

Members Present: Tom Nagle, Tom Regan, Chris Hartwig, Jennifer Acevedo,

Kathy Guest, Jason Wagner, Greg Rassel, Kyle Dubuc, Amanda

Herzog, Blaine Tillander, Greg Rassel

Public Present: Marty McCannon

## **MINUTES**

Approval of Novmeber and January minutes.
 This was tabled until next meeting because there were no November or January minutes.

- 2. Greg Rassel report
  - a. Status of single-stream recycling

    Greg stated single stream recycling will be in the next SOCRRA RFP.
  - b. Adopt a tree/register to request a tree.
  - c. Kyle update According to city Engineering department, Bioswales are going to be a part of the project to fix Fourth St between Campbell and Troy. Water will run into the medians.
- 3. Public Comment No public comment.
- 4. Green infrastructure event and follow up (everyone)
  It was agreed that we should our lead from Oakland County in terms of water policy. Oakland County water commissioner has a pilot program. Kathy mentioned that the SEMCOG website has a Regional green infrastructure plan. Jennifer stated that we could reach Oakland County Commissioner Jim Nash via the SE Michigan Green Infrastructure Team.

## 5. Old business

a. ROEAB description corrected in document Melanie mails out to prospective volunteers and PACE (Kyle).

Kyle has Spoken with Melanie. Amanda's letter said ROEAB. Kyle stated that Royal Oak is now a PACE district.

b. Green Bridges meeting (Jeff)

Jeff was not in attendance. Chris stated that we should work with a couple of churches. Tom said we should communicate with green committees of churches. Chris and Kathy will follow up on this.

c. SEMREO meeting (Kathy and Tom)

Blaine and Jason will attend meetings if possible.

d. Green Roofs (Kathy and Christine)

Kathy passed out documentation that she received from the meeting. Kyle brought up the fact that there is a storm water study going on in Royal Oak.

e. CDGB grant ideas

Kyle brought up advocating for using CDBG money for the Fourth Street project.

f. Earth Day event (Jennifer)

We are going to do a rain barrel event. Royal Oak in Bloom is our first choice for a date. Second choice is some other day in May. Blaine is in charge of finding people to install the rain barrels. Jennifer is in charge of organizing the event.

## 6. Calendar

a. March: Dream Home Expo

There will be the following two shifts:

9am - 11:30 - Kathy/Chris

11:30 – 2 Tom Regan/Blaine

Blaine will get rain barrel guidelines and other documentation.

b. April: Earth Day event, bike ride

Tom state there will be sharrows on Crooks, Main, and Rochester Rd. There will also be signs.

c. SOCCRA Earth Day Open House, Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 3:00pm Tom Regan, Tom Nagle, Jason Wagner, and Chris Hartwig volunteered. Greg will send email to Karen Bever that we will volunteer.

d. May: electronic recycling event

Next month we will pick the date. It will be May 2 or May 9.

## 7. New Business

Attendance Policy for city boards - Kyle brought up the new attendance policy. He stated that the new policy is that if you miss 2 meetings in a row you will be removed from board. You can be reinstated.

Beamount will be at next meeting.

LED light rate change from DTE was discussed.